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The following observations were made in Prenzlau (N 54/U 14):

1. The kaserne was occupied to capacity by tank, artillery and engineer units,

- a. The fenced-in kaserne section no 1 was occupied by the headquarters of a tank unit which drew ration supplies from Fuerstenberg (N 54/U 52).

- b. Fifty to seventy tanks, mostly JS tanks only 10 being T34 tanks, were stored in the garage.

2. Some of the officers had been replaced by officers newly arrived from the Soviet Union.

- a. Maj Detsortsov, the previous CO of the tank unit returned to the Soviet Union with his family. He was succeeded in command by Lt Col Chimachekov.

- b. The artillery unit was commanded by Lt Col Bilayev.

- c. Lt Col Bruslick, Lt Col Winsburg and Maj Drobishov belonged to the headquarters of the artillery unit. The three officers were promoted to their present ranks on 1 January 1950.

- d. Capt Podraynov was CO of a tank unit.

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5. The camp between Templin (N 54/U 81) and Zehdenick (N 54/U 70) was dissolved in early December 1949. The troops quartered in the camp up to that time returned to the Prenzlau kaserne.

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Comment:

a. According to previous information, the 111th Tank Regt (Cadre) of the 20th Tank Div (Cadre) is stationed in the Prenzlau Kaserne (Panzer Kaserne on Ucker See).

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The statement that a Prenzlau unit headquarters should be subordinate to a Fuerstenberg unit is not given credence since Fuerstenberg is definitely located in the Second Gas Leck Army area.

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b. The reported Maj Lotsortsov was identified as CO of a tank unit in the Kaserne on Ucker See in February 1949. He may be CO of a tank battalion of the 111th Tank Regt (Cadre).

c. The report on the dissolution of the camp between Templin and Lehnitz and on troops returning to the Prenzlau Kaserne again confirms that the troops from the Prenzlau military post held their summer and fall maneuvers in the area S. of Templin.

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